New Student Orientation 2015
Friday, August 21, 2015 through Sunday, August 23, 2015

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7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast
                      Chopping Block
                      Enjoy a continental breakfast with other students and families.

8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  First-Year Student Check-In, Information, and Move-In
                      Student Center (Burbank Building) then Assigned Student Apartment
                      The offices that will be represented are as follows:
                      ✶ Housing Office
                      ✶ Financial Aid Office
                      ✶ Business Office
                      ✶ Registrar’s Office
                      ✶ Health Services
                      ✶ Vehicle Registration and ID Cards
                      After visiting the stations representing the different offices, make your way to your student apartment and move-in with the help of our volunteers.

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  Lunch
                      Chopping Block
                      Enjoy lunch with other students and families.

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  Break
                      Take this time to finish organizing and decorating your student apartment.

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  Prepare for Convocation
                      New students and their family members are to attend this important event.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  Convocation
                      Under the Tent Next to Beacon Hall
                      During this ceremony, President Hagerty and other members of the campus community will welcome you to Beacon College.

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  Break
                      Take this time to relax before the next session begins.
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5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
**Meeting with Learning Specialists**  
*(For Student Only)*

*Learning Specialists and Location Listed Below*

- Ms. Crystal Boone in Classroom 6.
- Mr. Dan Bordenkircher & Dr. Andrea Brode in Writing Center Classroom 8.
- Dr. Oksana Hagerty in Writing Center Classroom 10.
- Mr. Michael Lozano in Library Room #3.
- Ms. Maria Marcano-Ramirez in Beacon Hall Classroom 109.
- Ms. Kelly Mouriz in Beacon Hall Classroom 108.
- Ms. Michele Patestides in Writing Center Classroom 7.
- Ms. Kimberlee Paul in the Library Classroom.
- Ms. Laura Staiger in Beacon Hall Classroom 107.
- Mr. Braden Walter in Writing Center Classroom 9.

*Meet with your Learning Specialist prior to the start of the academic year.*

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
**Hors d’Oeuvres with a Question and Answer Session for Families**  
*(For Families Members)*

*Ro-Mac Building*

- **Facilitator:** Mr. Bryan M. Valentine, Dean of Student Affairs  
  - Dr. Shelly Chandler, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs  
  - Dr. Robert Bridgeman, Executive Vice President  
  - Dr. Andrea Brode, Dean of Student Success  
  - Mr. Tim Paige, Director of Information Technology  
  - Mr. James Ashworth, Chief of Campus Security and Transportation  
  - Ms. Debra Allen, Director of Student Health Services

*Enjoy Hors d’Oeuvres with other parents and families while having all of your remaining questions answered by Beacon College representatives.*

6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
**Time to Say your Goodbyes**

*Take this time to say goodbye to family and friends as you begin your collegiate journey at Beacon College.*

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
**Italian Themed Dinner with a Question and Answer Session for Students**  
**Chopping Block**

- **Facilitators:** Ms. Heather Reed, Residential Experience Coordinator and Mr. Brett Daly, Systems Analyst  
  - Ms. Jessica Balot, Orientation Leader  
  - Ms. Cari Beecham, Orientation Leader  
  - Ms. Michelle David, Orientation Leader  
  - Ms. Megan Howell, Orientation Leader  
  - Ms. Amelia Pierce, Orientation Leader  
  - Mr. Carlos Ramos, Orientation Leader  
  - Ms. Jeunesse Smith, Orientation Leader  
  - Ms. Emily Taucher, Orientation Leader  
  - Ms. Savannah Thomas, Orientation Leader  
  - Ms. Kaila Walton, Orientation Leader

*Enjoy an Italian themed dinner with other Beacon College students while having all of your questions answered by your Orientation Leaders and Facilitators.*

8:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
**Avengers: Age of Ultron on the Big Screen**  
**Under the Tent Next to Beacon Hall**

*Come and watch the movie Avengers: Age of Ultron on the big screen outside under the tent next to Beacon Hall and enjoy the free refreshments.*
Saturday, August 22, 2015

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
   Chopping Block
   Enjoy a continental breakfast with other students.

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Playfair
   Under the Tent Next to Beacon Hall
   Playfair is unlike anything else you have ever experienced. It's the perfect way to make new friendships at Beacon College.

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Break
   Take this time to get cleaned up and refreshed before brunch.

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Brunch
   Chopping Block
   Enjoy brunch with other Beacon College students.

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The REAL (Relationship Equality and Anti-Violence League) Deal
   Ro-Mac Building
   This program is a multi-media, pop-culture presentation taught by University of South Florida peer educators which develops active bystander intervention skills for prevention and increases awareness of sexual and relationship violence.

2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Break
   Take this time to relax before the next session begins.

3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Mr. James Ashworth, Chief of Campus Security and Transportation
   Ro-Mac Building
   Mr. Ashworth will provide you with valuable information that will help to keep you safe while you’re at Beacon College.

3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mr. Tim Paige, Director of Information Technology
   Ro-Mac Building
   Mr. Paige will provide you with relevant information related to the services offered by the Office of Information Technology at Beacon College.

3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Mr. Steve McDaniels, Director of Fitness and Athletics
   Ro-Mac Building
   Mr. McDaniels will provide you with important information related to the new Fitness Center and Intramural Sports programs at Beacon College.

3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Break
   Take this time to relax before the next session begins.

4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Ms. Debra Allen, Director of Student Health Services
   Ro-Mac Building
   Ms. Allen will provide you with relevant information related to the services offered by the Office of Student Health Services at Beacon College.

4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Mr. Josh Grover, Director of Counseling Services
   Ro-Mac Building
   Mr. Grover will provide you with relevant information related to the services offered by the Office of Counseling Services at Beacon College.
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4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  Mr. Bryan M. Valentine, Dean of Student Affairs
Ro-Mac Building
Mr. Valentine will provide you with important information related to the
Student Code of Conduct at Beacon College.

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  Break
Take this time to relax before dinner.

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  Mexican Themed Dinner
Chopping Block
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Frequently Asked Questions Related to New Student Orientation

**What is New Student Orientation?**
New Student Orientation is an annual program consisting of interactive, engaging presentations and activities intended to help acclimate all first-year students to their new campus community. The program is offered to all incoming first-year students as a means of transition and preparation for success in college.

Studies reveal that by increasing the amount of time first-year students have to become familiar with their respective institution, the greater the likelihood they will stay throughout their first year of college. Furthermore, students who actively participate in orientation programs are more likely to stay in college, are more satisfied with their college experience, have greater academic success, and persist through graduation.

**What are the Themes associated with New Student Orientation?**
The academic success of each Beacon College student is the established priority of the College. New Student Orientation looks to complement this priority through programs that revolve around the following themes:

- **Socialization:** Building relationships and forming friendships that will last a lifetime is an important aspect of college life. Students will have an opportunity to meet other incoming first-year students prior to the start of the semester while also becoming more familiar with the physical layout of the campus.

- **Engagement:** Research has shown that students who become involved in collegiate life do better academically, rate a higher level of satisfaction with their educational experience, and gain more transferable skills that will benefit them in the future. Students will learn about the importance of getting involved and meet current student leaders who will share some of their experiences and insights.

- **Personal Responsibility:** Personal responsibility and accountability are essential to the success of any community. Students will engage in sessions designed to outline the risks associated with poor decision making and the consequences that go along with those decisions.

- **Persistence:** Staying persistent and focused on one's goals is imperative from day one. Motivational speakers will help students become empowered to set their own goals while learning how to maintain focus and successfully achieve those goals.